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TOPIC Polish and Soviet Units and Offices in Lodz, Zgierz and Konin

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to March 1951, Soviet soldiers, who residents believed belonged to a security unit, were quartered in a compound of 25 to 30 villas and 10 to 15 low wooden buildings north of Lodz (Q 52/0 93) in the Lagiewniki Woods on each side of the road between Lagiewniki Monastery and Modrzew. An increased number of Soviet soldiers had been observed on the road since the middle of 1950. Sedans were the only vehicles seen there. Almost no Soviet soldiers and only a small number of Soviet motor vehicles were seen in Lodz.¹
2. In February 1951, numerous trucks and sedans were parked on a large square north of the Lodz-Fabryczna station. Soviet soldiers were nearby.²

3. In the fall of 1950, a Polish double sentry was posted in the northern section of the wood south of Zgierz at the road fork formed by ul. Szczecinska and a road to the east. an important barracks installation was in this wood.³

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4. In the fall of 1950, a barracks installation housing a Polish unit was on the north edge of Zgierz on the west side of the road to Biala (Q 52/0 95) just north of the road bridge across the railroad line. It consisted of several three-story brick buildings and was surrounded by a board fence.

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prior to the end of 1950, Polish soldiers were training in the area north of this installation.

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5. In February 1951, a Polish supply depot with spur tracks was in Loci-Chojny on the southeast side of ul. Pryncypalna. It consisted of 6 to 10 unstuccoed brick buildings, about 40 meters long. The quarters of Polish officers and other men who worked at the depot were north of ul. Pryncypalna.

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only food supplies were stored there and these arrived by rail and were picked up by trucks with Polish drivers.⁴

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Polish and Soviet Units in Konin.

6. Prior to March 1951, an old barracks installation on the southwest exit of Konin (P 53/0 18), on each side of the road to St Miasto (P 53/0 18), housed some hundred men of a Polish unit. Four four-story brick buildings and a few low wooden buildings were east of the road while two one-story brick buildings were west of the road.⁵
7. The Polish recruiting office (SKP) was in two buildings on the western edge of the town just east of a park south of the Warthe River. It was guarded by sentries with red enemlets.
8. The offices of the Polish security service (UB) responsible for the town and the rural district of Konin were in the south district of the town on the west side of the main road south of the Warthe Bridge.

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9. [redacted] an unidentified Soviet office was in Konin prior to March 1951.⁶

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1. [redacted] Comment. Soviet units in Lodz were reported for the first time. The information gives credence to a report in February 1951 on Soviets southeast of Leszczynki Monastery.⁷

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the motor vehicles observed belong to the motor vehicle transportation and repair units quartered in the school on the west side of ul. Lindleya. No Soviet soldiers were previously reported stationed there.

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3. [redacted] Comment. This is a large barracks installation with 8 or 9 three-story brick buildings. No definite information on the Polish troops quartered there is available.

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4. [redacted] Comment. It was previously reported that this large depot chiefly stored clothing.

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5. [redacted] Comment. A report in October 1950 indicated that this barracks installation quartered Polish infantry.

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6. [redacted] Comment. This Soviet office was previously reported and probably handles Soviet long-distance lines.

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